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TO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE  
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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: EAID, GB

SUBJECT: GABON ACCESS ROADS

1. AS YOU AWARE FROM YOUR RECENT CONSULTATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT, IT NOW APPEARS THAT GOG UNABLE TO MEET CONDITIONS PRECEDENT FOR RELEASE OF AID FUNDS FOR GABON ACCESS ROAD LOAN, FRG CONTRIBUTION HAS BEEN SHIFTED OUT OF ACCESS ROADS TO RAILROAD DIRECTLY (BONN1895 AND LIBREVILLE305 IN ADDITION GOG ITSELF, OF COURSE, HAS ALREADY STARTED WORK ON THREE OF FOUR PROJECTS SPECIFIED IN LOAN, AND CONDITIONS PRECEDENT OF LOAN AGREEMENT HAVE YET TO BE MET.

2. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES THAT EARLY DURING YOUR CONSULTATIONS WITH GOG OFFICIALS, SUBJECT OF ACCESS ROADS LOAN MAY  
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ARISE. EVEN SHOULD GOG OFFICIALS NOT RAISE SUBJECT, HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO POINT OUT OUR UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION DESCRIBED PARA ONE ABOVE CONCERNING FRG FUNDS AND STATUS OF INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS. NOTING THAT AS RESULT OF CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES, STATUS OF LOAN HAS BEEN FULLY AND CAREFULLY RE-EXAMINED IN WASHINGTON. RESULTS OF REVIEW INDICATE THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY

TO DE-OBLIGATE FUNDS.

3. WE ARE THEREFORE PROVIDING YOU WITH AN UNDATED LETTER TO MINISTER OF ECONOMY, FINANCE AND STATE PARTICIPATION SIGNED BY AID ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR BUTCHER NOTIFYING GOG THAT USG DEOBLIGATING FUNDS SCHEDULED FOR LOAN. YOU SHOULD DATE AND DELIVER THIS LETTER AT SUCH TIME AS YOU CONSIDER APPROPRIATE, PRESUMABLY WHEN CONSULTATIONS HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO GOG AUTHORITIES THAT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES AID HAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO DEOBLIGATION.

4. PLEASE ADVISE AID/W AND DEPARTMENT BY CABLE OF DATE OF LETTER WHEN DELIVERED. VANCE

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